

**REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 22, 2004. No claims are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added. Claims 1-71 are pending in this application.

**Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims 1-71 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over amended claims 1-85 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/177,096.

Claims 1-71 were rejected under a non-statutory double patenting rejection, specifically U. S. Application No. 10/177,096. Applicant does not admit that the claims are obvious in view of Application No. 10/177/096. However, a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b)(iv) is enclosed herewith to obviate these rejections.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6960 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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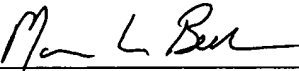
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